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SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER AFTER
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ON COPPER WIRING

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In response to the office action of October 7, 2003, the applicants submit the following response.

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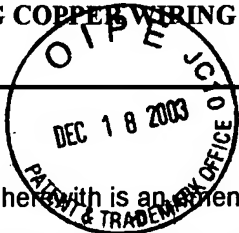
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1746Invention: **METHOD FOR CLEANING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER AFTER CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING COPPER WIRING**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	42 -	42 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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